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Brian Coulombe and town part ways

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – Fire Lt. Brian Coulombe was terminated last week after previously being on administrative leave, although Town Manager Stuart Beckley and Fire Chief Christopher Gagnon declined to comment on the situation, pointing to privacy issues when it comes to personnel matters.

He is the son of former fire chief, Thomas Coulombe, who was demoted to lieutenant after a hearing last fall on a number of issues, including an allegation his son took the Civil Service firefighter's exam before he was 19, after which his father hired him as a firefighter.

Gagnon declined to respond saying it was a private matter and Beckley said Coulombe's letter parting from the town was not a public record.

During a disciplinary hearing last fall for Thomas Coulombe, Selectmen Chairman Alan Whitney brought up issues ranging from lying during an investigation, conduct unbecoming a Fire Department member, treating family members differently from other employees and failing to maintain the station and equipment.

During that hearing when Thomas Coulombe was asked how he could have hired Brian to the Ware Fire Department knowing he was 18, and not 19 as required by Civil Service, to take the firefighting test, Coulombe said he was unaware of the specific details involved in taking an entry-level firefighting test. Civil Service requires applicants to fill out an application and provide a driver's license so their age and identity can be proved.

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Beech tree to become bowls

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – Dr. Roger Lafleur, of Brookfield, has been woodworking for most of his life, and in the near future he will be turning what had become a dangerous beech tree into beautifully turned bowls. For years, the tree from which the beechwood came, graced the property of Mary Lane in Ware, where he was an emergency room doctor for many years.

"I'd pass it going to work," he said, noting that it was in rough condition when it came down last week due to safety reasons. The tree, which is about five feet around, was rotted and had a great deal of insect damage as well. "The gypsy moths did a number on it," he said.

Although he's been retired from Mary Lane's ER for the last couple of years, he was the one Michelle Holmgren, a Mary Lane official, thought of as plans to bring the tree down progressed. "She knew that I do woodturning and that I'm always looking for

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Markey, Neal push for rail funding

By Peter Spotts

Expanded rail service for Chester and Palmer may find new support in Sen. Edward Markey's, D-Mass., proposed "Brain Train"

Act to authorize \$5 billion dollars annually for five years to invest in high-performance intercity passenger rail service.

Markey said during a video press conference on Friday, May

29, rail is needed to bring attention to the historically unconnected, or un-reconnected, communities. He didn't rule out the possibility

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Honoring seniors in the community

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

HARDWICK – On the lawn of the Stone Church on Route 32 there are 19 very large photos of the Quabbin Regional High School seniors; if passersby are lucky, they'll catch a few of the seniors posing with them or dancing among them.

Elizabeth Riley, who has been associated with the Hardwick

Youth Center for decades, decided to do something for the kids whose senior year has been unconventional to say the least. After months of them learning from home and not having graduation at its normal time, she decided she could do this for them.

"I just felt sorry for the kids with what has been going on," Riley said. "It's a very, very important time in kids' lives and there's been so many changes for

them in their year."

After all she said, the students have done so much work to get this far. "I know how important high school graduation is," she said.

She also wanted the students to be there for each other and when she received photos from the students, she said their personalities shone through.

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The lawn of the Stone Church in Gilbertville is dotted with large photos of the 19 Quabbin Regional High School seniors graduating this year. They were put up by resident Liz Reilly to honor the students after a difficult last few months.

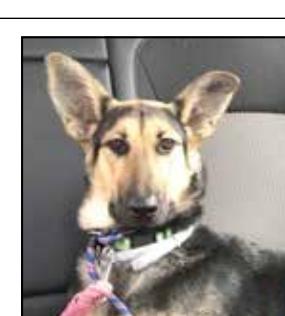
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**THE ISSUE IS NOW,
AND IT'S A VERY
IMPORTANT ISSUE,
AND HE WOULD
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MESSAGE OF
SOLIDARITY NOW."**

**STUART BECKLEY
on behalf of
TYSON DELROSARIO**

during the meeting he was concerned about the event happening. "I just heard about this," he said. "What's the rush? Let's rethink this for 30 days."

He suggested the town close its borders to everyone except Ware residents if the event goes forward. "If we keep the borders open, then people from Worcester, Springfield and Boston will come," he said. "You can imagine the trouble-makers who will come."

Beckley said for Delrosario, "the issue is now, and it's a very important issue, and he would like to share the message of solidarity now."

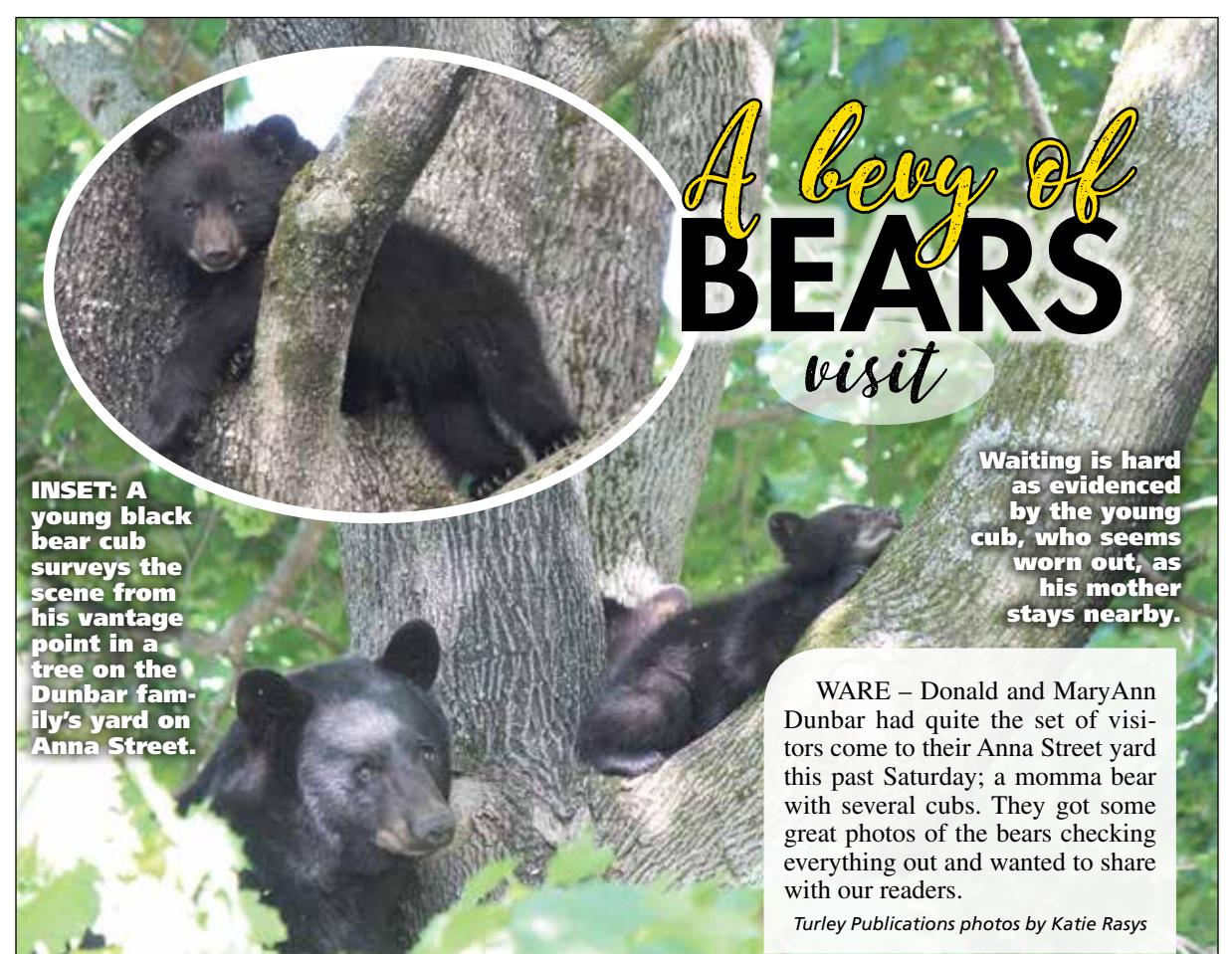
Selectmen Chairman Alan Whitney said the board was put in difficult position because there was no paperwork outlining what would be happening, which would make them liable if anything should go wrong. But if they said no it would look like they were slamming down free speech. "This is short notice and we have nothing in writing," he said.

Selectmen agreed it was an important issue, but said the issue of George Floyd's death would not be over quickly. "It's going to be relevant for a long time," said Selectman Keith Kruckas.

Selectman Tracy Opalinski questioned whether the event should be moved to Grenville Park and away from Main Street, with Selectman John Carroll saying a move to an all residential area would be worse if anything went wrong. Carroll said that in many communities a daytime protest or vigil has been peaceful, but then out-of-towners hang around after the event and cause trouble.

Resident Kevin Smith said

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**Waiting is hard
as evidenced
by the young
cub, who seems
worn out, as
his mother
stays nearby.**

WARE – Donald and MaryAnn Dunbar had quite the set of visitors come to their Anna Street yard this past Saturday: a momma bear with several cubs. They got some great photos of the bears checking everything out and wanted to share with our readers.

Turley Publications photos by Katie Rasy

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Are You Old News?



Take a look at this week's photo and see if you recognize any or all of the four women and what they're doing. Send your answer with your full name to ekennedy@turley.com.

Each week the Ware River News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured.

Email your answers by Monday at noon to ekennedy@turley.com.



Last week's Are You Old News? Was of the Hardwick Senators Little League team, which finished with 11 wins and three losses. Team members were, from left in the front row: Bobby LaCombe, Mike Bergeron, Gus Fowler, Sarah Bottomley and Kelly Stephens. Second row is Jen Samek, Brett Hanson, Julie Puliafico, Jeff Hudson, Justin Keagan, Jeff Marchiony and Adam Kanee. Third row is Assistant Coach Mike Stephens and Coach David Puliafico.

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Subway, West Street, 413-277-0438
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Taco Bell, West Street, 413, 967-4898
McDonald's, West Street
Wicked Wings, 413-277-0020, hours vary

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Monson Savings, West Street
Westfield Savings, Gibbs Crossing
North Brookfield, Main Street

Groceries

Big Y, 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Walmart, 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Convenience/Liquor

Brusso's, West Main Street
Jane Alden, West Street
Ware Package Store, Main Street
Cumberland Farms, West Street
Brookside Mart, West Street

Meals/Food Pick up

Children under 18
Ware Middle School, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Kidstop, Pleasant St., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Hillside Village, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Seniors, Senior Center 967-9648, ext. 501, weekdays 11:30 a.m.
Trinity Church, Jubilee Cupboard, Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon, diapers also available
Food Bank distribution, Hillside, Third Tuesdays, 1 to 2 p.m.

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Walmart
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Turley the turtle

First, congratulations to our April winner: Joanne Pluta, of Hardwick, who will receive a gift card to Dunkin' Donuts.

This week's counters were: Wren Mascitis-Craig, and Jane Sterndale, of Ware, who each counted five turtles in last week's paper, and Nancy Corbett, of Ware, who found four turtles. The correct number of turtles was five.

Yard waste drop-off disposal day scheduled

WARE — The town will be accepting leaves, branches and vegetative debris from Ware yard and property cleanups at the Robbins Road collection site.

Residents will not be required to get a permit for this drop-off and disposal but the debris must be from Ware properties dropped off by property owners or contractors who have been hired to clean Ware properties. Users should be prepared to provide identification that verifies

that they are Ware citizens or working for Ware citizens.

The date will be Sunday, June 7, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Leaves and yard waste only will be accepted. Absolutely no trash or other items will be accepted. The maximum size of branches is 12 inches in diameter and there will be no exceptions. Residents are limited to two pick-up-sized trailer loads per property address.



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Evan James Smith named to dean's list

POTSDAM, NEW YORK – Evan James Smith of Ware, Massachusetts, a freshman majoring in political science, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2020 semester at Clarkson University.

Dean's list students must achieve a minimum 3.25 grade-point average and also carry at least 14 credit hours.

Retire American flags with the Legion and Scouts

WARE – Please drop off worn American flag to the American Legion Post, 45 Maple St. in the bin next to the red shed on the Ware River News office, 80 Main St., during business hours. On Flag Day, Sunday, June 14, the Earle F. Howe American Legion Post 123 and Ware Boy Scout Troop 281 will be retiring all flags. Anyone with questions should contact Scoutmaster Dan Flynn at 413-297-5886 or email scoutdad281@charter.net.

Ware Boy Scout Troop 281 Bottle, Can Drive

WARE – Due to COVID 19 restrictions, we are unable to hold a drop off based Bottle and Can drive at this time. However, if you have four or more bags of bottles and cans, as many as you have, the troop is more than willing to set up a pick up at peoples' homes. Please contact Scoutmaster Dan Flynn at 413-297-5886 or email scoutdad281@charter.net. Thank you for the continued support of your local Boy Scout program.

SELECTMEN

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a quick meeting on Zoom for just that item.

114 Main St.

Bekley told selectmen that the town is continuing to try to work with the owner of 114 Main St., which began showing deterioration after the Main Street construction began. It has now been deemed structurally unsound and not salvageable, but cost estimates on demolition and cleanup are around \$200,000. Kruckas said it boggled his mind that bylaws addressing these types of properties could not help the town deal with buildings such as this one.

Complete Streets

Selectmen deferred signing off on the Complete Streets prioritization plan until the paperwork has been changed to reflect what they believe are the most important projects. Main Street will be listed at

New regional building commissioner hired

By Elenor Downer
Staff Writer

BARRE – The two selectmen present, Gregory O'Sullivan and Dylan Clark, voted to offer the position of regional building commissioner to William Cantell at a meeting on Thursday, May 21.

All three Barre selectmen interviewed the only candidate, William Cantell, Tuesday, May 19, for the regional position which includes Barre as lead town as well as Hardwick, New Braintree and Petersham.

SelectBoard members, Kenan Young, of Hardwick, and Nancy Allen, of Petersham, also participated in the Zoom interview.

Cantell, of Brimfield, has over 30 years experience in the building field and served in the building inspector/commissioner capacity first in Southbridge, and currently in Brimfield and Wales.

Barre selectmen took turns asking questions. When asked by Selectman Chairman Matthew Urban why he was interested in this position, he said he was interested in the area and it was close to where he lived. He said he has been working in small towns for 30 years and prefers the smaller communities after working in a large community like Southbridge.

O'Sullivan asked what experience he had enforcing zoning bylaws. He said there was an issue in Brimfield with a solar field expansion. He said the issue got resolved without having to go to court. In both towns he set up a complaint report, which worked well, he said.

Clark asked if he had experience with a difficult person and how he handled it. Cantell said he would reach out to the individual, meet them in his office and come to an agreement. Cantell said communication was key and knowing the building codes.

O'Sullivan said in this position he would have to oversee the other inspectors such as electrical and plumbing. Cantell said he worked well with the other inspectors in

the towns he serves. He said in Brimfield the plumbing inspector was under the jurisdiction of the board of health, not the building department.

Young said he wanted to make sure there was good follow up and accountability. He said he had received complaints about the previous regional building inspector not following up.

O'Sullivan asked if he would be available after a structure fire to inspect the property to determine if it could be occupied. He said yes, and he does so in the towns where he works now.

Clark asked Cantell if the board offered him the position when could he start. He said immediately.

After the interview and Cantell signed off from the video conference, selectmen discussed the candidate. O'Sullivan said, "He seems like a knowledgeable person and I like him." Clark said he felt he was "able to do the job." Urban said he was "comfortable with what he offers."

Allen, from Petersham said she liked him a lot.

Young said he had no issue with Barre selectmen hiring him. However, he mentioned Cantell's attitude on office hours as he said it was a waste of his time to sit in an office. He said he was available anytime by phone. The Barre selectmen then set a meeting for Thursday, May 21, to take a vote.

At the Thursday, May 21 selectmen's meeting interim town administrator Heather Munroe said she had contacted references. The references from a DPW director, a town administrative assistant and a state building inspector were all favorable. Comments included "very good," "dives into problems and finding solutions" and "very good at follow through."

O'Sullivan said he liked the idea of holding some office hours in the four towns. Clark said he would be a good asset to the town. The two selectmen present voted to offer William Cantell employment as regional building commissioner.

the top with a notation it is already underway, followed by East Street underpass accessibility, sidewalks for Gould Road, sidewalks, accessibility and lane configurations for West Street, Chestnut Street sidewalks and Church Street sidewalks.

Frontline Solar

Selectmen also held off on extending the lease given to Forefront Solar two years ago for the former Banas property, where the company wants to build a solar energy facility. They asked Beckley to have company officials attend the next selectmen's meeting.

School audit

Opalinski asked Beckley if the town's auditors had been able to get what they needed from the School Department for the town audit,

which must be completed before the town can apply to the USDA for a grant that would cover a great deal of the \$10 million water treatment plant that would be built on Barnes Street. The USDA requires the audit as part of the grant process. The treatment plant would help solve the discoloration from minerals in the town water, and in the meantime the Department of Public Works is just finishing up its annual flushing program.

Other business

Also approved was about \$23,000 in CARES funding through the state around COVID-19 needs, as were the following reappointments: Chuck Dowd and Phil Hamel to the Zoning Board of Appeals, and Paul Opalinski to the Tax Increment Financing Authority and the Community Development Authority.

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Discover Central Massachusetts appoints new executive director

WORCESTER – The board of directors for Discover Central MA has announced the appointment of Monique M. Messier, of Ware, as the new executive director of the region's travel and tourism organization.

Messier has extensive experience in the hospitality industry and was the director of sales for DCM for the past year. Her career began in Worcester at what was then the Worcester Marriott Hotel, but eventually became the Crowne Plaza, and now operates as the Mass College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. From there, Messier continued in the hospitality industry at numerous hotels, including the Sheraton Hotel in Springfield and Nantucket Island Resorts, where her focus was mainly on sales and business development.

Following her stint in hotels, she was employed by Spectra Venue Management at the MassMutual Center, an arena and convention center in western Massachusetts, where she worked



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Monique M. Messier, of Ware, was recently appointed as the new executive director of the region's travel and tourism organization, Discover Central MA.

for 12 years. In her role, Messier was responsible for oversight of the sales team before becoming general manager, with full oversight of the organization.

Messier then went on to be an

executive director on the opening team of the MGM Casino, where she created the overarching plan and oversaw implementation of the sales department. Her experience also includes work at the Greater Springfield convention and visitor's bureau.

"I'm very excited to be leading the Discover Central MA team," Messier said. "Tourism is such an important part of a thriving economy and has been a large part of Worcester's recent economic momentum. Recently, with the pandemic and the devastation it has caused in our industry, it is imperative that we continue to push out our message now more than ever."

Messier's appointment follows the resignation of Stephanie Ramey, who accepted the position of president of the Worcester Railers Hockey Club.

Messier graduated from Becker College and went on to earn her bachelor's degree from UMass Amherst. Messier resides in Ware with her two children, Connor and Chloe.

Fitchburg State University announces class of 2020

FITCHBURG – Fitchburg State University recently concluded the 2019-20 academic year, conferring 559 undergraduate degrees and 379 graduate degrees to students from more than 30 states and countries around the world.

Among the graduates was Dennis M. Pikul, of Hardwick, who earned a bachelor of science degree in psychology science.

While the in-person commencement ceremony was postponed, University President Richard S. Lapidus saluted the Class of 2020 in a letter to graduates.

It read: You have been thrust into unimaginable circumstances, with the expectations for your final semester completely upended with barely a moment's notice. And yet, you have endured. You have risen to the challenges that confronted you, and overcome them to arrive at this milestone.

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Fitchburg State before you, your arrival at this moment means your hard work has paid off. You have earned a credential, yes, but more importantly you have developed critical thinking skills that will serve you in the months, years and decades to come. You have honed your own ability to learn, to take in and evaluate new information, and to put it in service of your ambitions.

You arrived at this moment thanks to the dedication of a talented faculty, whose own lifelong commitment to their disciplines has been shared with you in their classrooms and laboratories during your time here. And our committed university staff have provided you the tools to learn and be supported through these extraordinary times.

Our entire community is disappointed that we cannot celebrate your achievement in person just yet, but know that we will do so as soon as it is safe. For the accomplishments of the Class of 2020 are many, and deserving of respect.

In the meantime, know that you distinguished yourselves in a chapter of history that will never be forgotten, and may you remember the lessons of this incredible time as proof that you can truly accomplish anything you set out to achieve.

Congratulations, be well, and we will see you soon.

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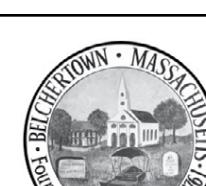
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Grade 1	6	Grade 8	7
Grade 4	2	Grade 9	10
Grade 6	6	Grade 10	10

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The deadline for submitting a complete application packet which includes all required documents is 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 29, 2020.

The selection of non-resident students for admission will be in the form of a random drawing when the number of requests exceeds the number of available spaces. There will be two drawings for this purpose. The first will take place on June 29, 2020, and in the event of unexpected additional openings, a second will be conducted on August 13, 2020.

The application and guidelines can be downloaded at www.belchertownwpns.org or picked up at 14 Maple St., Belchertown, MA 01007.

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GUEST COLUMN

The frogs of spring

By Mohawk Johnny
Guest columnist

Back when I was in my knickers, I fancied I'd grow up to be a herpetologist. This was after I learned herpetologists study reptiles and amphibians. That had to be the best job in the world as far as I was concerned. I spent much of my spare time searching out and catching snakes—my favorite objects in the world—along with toads, frogs and salamanders whenever an opportunity presented itself. I literally left no stone or board unturned. But, in the end, the realities of economics couldn't be overcome, and I became a tradesman—another dream goes west...

Hey I can still pretend, so last week I was taking a census of the frogs in my frontyard pond. I detected not less than 10 green frogs, *Lithobates clamitans*, a smaller relative of the bullfrog, *L. catesbeianus*. It struck me as odd that there were only green frogs, but I surmised due to the small size of the pond, other frogs simply defer to the green frogs, which will eat literally anything they can get into their gobs. It's just an unsafe neighborhood for the smaller wood frogs, spring peepers and grey tree frogs.

In the early evening, I sat on my front porch, sipping on a sun-downer and listening to the some of the last of this season's spring peepers, *Pseudacris crucifer*, which are also tree frogs, doing what they do in the privacy of the many vernal ponds in the surrounding woods. Their high-pitched, occasionally vibrato-embellished peeping is among those first, true sounds of spring—preceded, usually by only a day or two, by the duck-like squawking of wood frogs, *L. sylvaticus*. The wood frogs had weeks ago ended their amorous carrying on, but the peepers extend their libidinous evening choruses well into the grey tree frog's bite at the apple. The grey tree frog, *Hyla versicolor*, as it happens, was now taking the stage—I took a sip of my beverage and tuned in...

These tree frogs possess quite a vocal range and have no small talent for trill and vibrato. A flock of turkeys across the road decided to chime in as if they had something to add to the conversation. It seemed to grow into something between dueling banjos and a disturbance in the zoo's monkey house. At length, the turkeys decided they were not reading from the same sheet of music and politely disengaged. It was getting dark now, and I'd finished my drink. The tree frogs continued without me. That was okay; spring's not over yet, and tomorrow's another day.

Mohawk Johnny, also known as John Dube, is a Ware resident and loves the outdoors.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A stoutness of heart and mind

There was never any question as to whether or not the Ware Historical Society and Ware Veterans Council would conduct our 10th year of Ware Remembers-2020 on Sunday, May 24. Faced with coronavirus-COVID 19, statewide quarantine, stay-at-home rule, wearing of face masks, personal distancing of six feet and limitations of groups of 10 or less we chose a non-public ceremony to be televised on Ware Community Television with first broadcast on its own Channel 15 at 6 p.m. It continues with subsequent runs and can also be viewed on waretv.org.

The alignment of this season's participants proved once again the resilience of our town of Ware, her people and former residents who returned to pay homage to memories of character and valor represented by an American Flag on the green and roll call read. It is their continued unselfish contribution we recognize and thank the following: American Legion Post 123, Commander John Goulette; Ware Veterans Council, President Dave Lavallee; Amvets Post 2577, Commander Ed Wyzik, and all members of Amvets Post 2577; Disabled American Veterans; Marine Corps League and VFW Post 2577.

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Julie Bullock, President;
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Cynthia LaBombard, Event
Coordinator;
Marty Rohan, Curator

Keep a constant supply of bush beans coming

Bush beans are a good example of a vegetable that works well as a succession crop. What that means is that they can be sown multiple times throughout the summer. Why? Because unlike most other vegetables, beans produce less than eight weeks from sowing, are not finicky about heat and as long as you have full sun and average garden soil, they can be grown with relative ease. Consider making additional sowings of this versatile vegetable now before you get busy with the harvest. That way you can enjoy a continuous supply all summer long.

You might still refer to snap or bush beans as "string beans" even though the tough strings that connected the two halves of the pod were bred out of the snap bean beginning in 1884 with Calvin N. Keeney's introduction of the stringless refugee wax bean. Today's modern stringless beans are a result of those early breeding efforts.

All types of beans require warm soil in which to germinate; 60 degrees at least, hence the few plants from that early sowing. My sowing on Memorial Day is just starting to poke through the soil. Did you know that white-seeded varieties are especially picky about soil temperatures? Black and tan seeds regulate moisture intake more effectively, and therefore are less likely to rot in cool, wet soils.

If you want to gamble with an early sowing, sow these instead. Usually by May 20, the ground is warm enough to sow all types of beans. Succession plantings can be made every 10 days through July 30. After that it is unlikely that plants will produce a viable crop before frost hits.

Rather than sowing bean seeds in rows, I make good use of garden space by planting them in a four-foot wide block. Anything wider than four feet would make it difficult to reach in among the plants to harvest. If soil has been turned over or rototilled first it is easy to simply place the bean seeds on top of the soil four inches apart and push them into the ground with your index finger, up to the first knuckle. Pat the surface of the soil with your palm to firm, and water well. Germination will take place in a week to 10 days.

It is good practice not to work among the plants after a rainstorm or in the early morning when dew is present. Touching wet foliage can encourage diseases and spread them from plant to plant. When the foliage is dry you will want to be on the look out for the Mexican bean beetle. A bit larger than ladybugs, and all brown, these pests and their fuzzy yellow larvae can decimate a stand of bean plants. Vigilance is the key. If squashing bugs isn't for you, dropping them into soapy water will also do them in. Try planting marigolds nearby to deter them.

I have also found through experience that subsequent sowings are best sited away from one another. It will take the beetles a longer time to find the new plants than if they are planted side by side.

Harvest beans when they are still relatively thin. Depending on the variety, pods can average five to seven inches long at maturity. When inner seeds start to swell and fatten up the bean they aren't nearly as tasty. As mentioned, bumper crops are possible, and sometimes it may be difficult to keep up with the harvest. One variety known especially for its holding power is Jade. Beans from this variety retain a deep green color and sport thin pods. I have also enjoyed growing French beans "Haricot Verts" because they are very long and thin, never tough.

Fresh beans are easy to freeze. Blanch in boiling water for three minutes then plunge into ice water until cooled. Air-dry thoroughly, pack in plastic bags, and place in the freezer.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

GUEST COLUMN

Why representative democracy matters

By Lee H. Hamilton
Guest columnist

Over the last few years, the health of American democracy has come under great scrutiny. Polling routinely shows that Americans are concerned that democratic institutions aren't working as well as they ought to. Inevitably, this brings up the question of whether we can mend our problems or if the system of representative democracy itself is fundamentally broken.

I'm biased. I served as a representative for a good bit of my life, watched the system from the inside with all its faults and all its glories, and believe firmly in it. Our strengths as a nation—our wealth and culture, our opportunities and human resources—developed in an environment that was built from our founding documents, giving an ever-greater swath of Americans the opportunity to reach their potential, solve the problems that face their communities and work together to move their neighborhoods and their country as a whole forward. It's allowed us to experiment, to approach issues pragmatically, and to shift approaches if the first or second or third doesn't work.

In fact, I would argue that some of our key characteristics as a people spring from the demands of self-governance and electing representatives. Wherever I've gone around the country, I've noticed an impressive and restless desire to make things better—to improve our communities and states for everyone who lives in them. A representative democracy, in which every few years we choose the people who will be making the decisions that shape how we spend our money and regulate our activities, encourages this.

As concerns about our institutions have grown, however, so has interest in alternatives. A 2018 poll by Vox, for instance, found that young people were "less likely to say that democracy is 'always preferable' to any other type of government, and less likely to agree that 'democracy serves the people'" than people 40 and older. By the same token, they were more likely to say that "non-democracies can be preferable" in some circumstances and to believe that "democracy serves the elite."



Many of these people are pushing for more direct democracy.

At the same time, militia groups, political entrepreneurs, and big-money interests are also pushing for changes to how the system operates. They often want to move away from representative democracy, limit the power of the legislature, dismiss the professional civil service, rearrange the federal structure, and in some cases see an advantage in a strong-man leader.

I have to confess; I have trouble seeing us move in either direction. A lot of Americans like the idea of direct democracy—indeed, in a poll a few years ago, the Pew Research Center found that 55 percent of those surveyed thought that ordinary Americans would do a better job solving the country's problems than elected officials. Yet while I see the value of direct democracy at the town level, as is practiced in parts of New England, I have trouble seeing how 325 million people could make decisions on even major policy questions at the federal level. It would make it impossible to have the kind of deliberation or common ground-seeking that Congress, when it's working, can practice.

Those attracted to strong-man leadership see value in a president who can make policy with little or no consultation with the Congress

or other elected bodies. This, of course, is a system of authoritarianism you can find in various spots around the world; Russia, Turkey, the Philippines, and Venezuela come to mind. This is not, however, an idea many Americans find attractive for governing the country.

My point is this: We can't look at representative democracy in isolation but have to compare it to the alternatives. And the alternatives, I'd argue, don't stack up. Even 230 years on, our system remains an experiment in self-government. It is still aiming to achieve equal political rights and economic opportunity, equal access to the protection of the laws, and equal access to political representation. It seems to me that the question is not "Is it perfect?" Rather, it is: "Can it improve itself?" The answer lies with ordinary citizens to step up and take advantage of the opportunities the system affords us to do just that.

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Are Social Security and Medicare running out of money?

By Russell Gloor
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: I have been hearing reports that Social Security and Medicare will run out of money by 2035 and will only pay approximately 75% of benefits. First, is that true about Social Security? And second, will they reduce benefits to people who are already on it or just the new people signing up? Signed: Worried about the Future

Dear Worried: The financial difficulties facing both Social Security and Medicare are well-known by those of us who work with these programs every day, and Congress is equally and acutely aware of the issues. But Social Security and Medicare are two entirely separate programs which require two entirely separate answers.

Let's discuss Social Security first. The Social Security's Trust Fund now has about \$2.9 trillion dollars in assets. These are reserves accumulated from past revenues which exceeded the cost of providing past benefits to recipients of Social Security.

That seems like a lot of money but starting in 2020, Social Security will need to use some of those reserves to pay full benefits. That's because benefits paid out to recipients in 2020 will be more than the money coming in and this was expected even before the pandemic exacerbated the problem. And that trend will continue, and worsen, as we go forward in time. Without Congressional action, the Trust Fund reserves will be exhausted in 2035. And unless Congress acts before then to increase Social Security revenue and/or reduce expenses, when the Trust Fund is dry an across-the-board cut in benefits will affect everyone. That's because with the Trust Fund empty, Social Security can only pay out as much money as it receives in revenue, and it's currently estimated that, in 2035, that will result in a cut of 21% for everyone. Sadly, the actions needed to correct Social Security's financial issues are well-known; what's missing is bipartisan cooperation in Congress to implement the changes needed.

There is no doubt that Social Security needs reform to be able to sustain full benefits for

future generations and, hopefully, Congress will step forward soon to make those changes. Historically, any changes made to Social Security do not affect those who are already collecting benefits (it would be political suicide to do that), but rather will apply to future beneficiaries (much more palatable politically). Of course, that cannot be guaranteed but, if history is our guide, changes will eventually be made which shore up Social Security's finances, and those changes will affect only those who are not yet eligible to collect benefits.

As for Medicare, part of the FICA payroll taxes paid by every American worker includes an amount (1.45%) to pay for Medicare Part A (hospitalization) coverage for Medicare beneficiaries. Any excess collected goes into an "HI Trust Fund" reserved for paying Medicare Part A expenses. According to latest reports the HI Trust Fund is projected to run dry in about 2026 at which point, theoretically, only hospital expenses equal to revenue could be paid.

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of adding stops in Chester and Palmer when asked which towns will get rail stops between Boston and Pittsfield.

"We have a plan that would potentially go Boston, Framingham, Worcester, Palmer and Springfield out to Pittsfield. That would be how it would be envisioned right now," Markey said. "I wouldn't rule out other stops if they were deemed to be necessary."

Westfield was also mentioned as being in the discussion. Ben Heckscher, cofounder of local advocate Trains in the Valley, noted that the more stops that are added, reduces train travel time. He also pointed out that Western Mass. is better connected to Connecticut and New York than Boston.

Markey strongly feels that rail investment is one of the ways to combat climate change and boost economic recovery following COVID-19, and connecting the eastern and western parts of the state, and beyond.

"Despite clear economic, environmental, and safety benefits, Congress has insufficiently invested in expanding passenger rail," Markey said. "Developing and restoring passenger rail service, especially in communities that have been under-connected, is exactly the kind of recovery program that can help repair the economic damage caused by the coronavirus while correcting long-standing inequities."

"Now is the time to take the pressure off of our highway system," added Congressman Richard

Neal. "We can do this with renewable energy in mind. We can make this very green friendly and also remind people, as we go forward with rail, the rest of the world already does this, and they've embraced it enthusiastically. It's a very efficient way to travel."

Application for the competitive grant funding created by the "Brain Train" Act would be evaluated based on the levels of estimated ridership, increased on-time performance, reduced trip time, or additional rail service frequency; the anticipated provision of passenger rail service in regions that are historically and persistently unconnected or under-connected; and the anticipated favorable impact on air or traffic congestion and safety.

It also directs DOT to give greater preference to projects that encourage direct connection between multiple modes of transportation — train and transit stations, bus terminals, subway stations, ferry ports, and more; improve conventional intercity passenger, freight or commuter rail operations; provide environmental benefits, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality and public health, provide positive economic and employment impacts, and provide enhanced transportation options for persons with disabilities.

Pittsfield Mayor Linda Tyer spoke at the conference as well, noting her city has often felt disconnected from the rest of the state, and is excited about new opportunities expanded rail could have for the city.

"The ability to get on a train and quickly get to Springfield,

Worcester or Boston is something many people in our city have dreamed about for a very long time," Tyer said.

Markey confirmed this would not be an allocation of existing funds, but brand new funds, a new infrastructure bill and new passenger rail projects in Western Massachusetts and across the country. Details such as the construction of new tracks and where stops would be are left to the individual projects to plan. Markey said any form of hearings on the legislation will be a part of the process, which is dependent on when the next coronavirus relief package is finalized by Congress.

"Once we begin the discussion on an infrastructure bill, then this will be part of that discussion," he said.

Markey was asked during the press conference if the allocation of \$25 billion for public rail transportation during a time when the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are recommending people avoid mass transit systems is a wise course of action. Markey said he feels it's important to prepare for a time when society has overcome COVID-19.

"We have to plan for a future that allows for people to get back on trains again. We have to have a vision of what that will look like," he said. "While we're putting a massive amount of effort into finding a vaccine...we need a long term vision for passenger rail and we have to simultaneously assume that people will be going back on passenger rail because we will find a public health solution to the coronavirus."

WORCESTER — BBB of Central New England Consumer Education Foundation is pleased to announce the 2020 winners of the Barbara J. Sinnott Student of Integrity Scholarship.

Scholarships have been awarded to four outstanding young students and leaders: Adeline Ford, of Quaboag Regional High School in Warren, Gabriel Baczewski, of Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School in Fitchburg, Brandon Kee, of Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School in Upton, and Ella Potee, of Pioneer Valley Regional High School in Northfield.

Each year we receive applications from students across Massachusetts and northeastern Connecticut, and our judges always enjoy learning about each student. We wish all of our participants the best of luck on the next steps of their academic journey."

Scholarship applicants were required to write an essay that defined their character-building efforts, specifically addressing how they have motivated others to do the right thing, even when no one else was watching. Students had to demonstrate notable leadership skills, display their commitment to

community service, and discuss the ways in which their ethical judgment governs their everyday lives.

Here is a sampling of what they shared in their application essays:

"Our character is what defines who we are. Every experience, every milestone, and every interaction with other people contributes to the formulaic development of character," said Ford.

"I believe the best way to build character in others is to lead by example. As football captain, my teammates look to me for motivation and as a role model for good sportsmanship," said Baczewski.

"My desire to improve upon daily life through engineering has also fueled my passion for building up my character as I constantly look for ways to improve upon my skills," Kee wrote.

"I was raised by parents who are character builders. They encouraged my sister, brother, and I to be strong, independent, and kind. Every day I work to embody these traits that were instilled in me as a child," Potee wrote.

The Barbara J. Sinnott Student of Integrity Scholarship fund was named to honor the late Mrs. Sinnott, who was a past president of BBB of Central New England, a post she held for 18 years. In addition to her longtime service at the BBB, Sinnott held positions in a number of political organizations and government agencies.



Turley Publications courtesy photo
Adeline Ford, of Quaboag Regional Middle High School, was one of four students to receive a \$1,000 scholarship.



Part of a diseased beech tree at Baystate Mary Lane is cut and removed due to public safety concerns.

est of public safety a tree service was hired last week to remove the tree and the wood was brought to Brookfield.

Part of the fun of woodworking is finding the wood for his bowls, Lafleur said, but this wood found him since hospital officials knew he was a woodworker. In the coming months, Lafleur said he will begin turning bowls from the wood and they will become gifts, although he sometimes sells them as well. "My kids are my best customers," he said of his grown children. "They come visit and say, 'oh daddy, I like that one.'" He said even his wife, Donna, has come around to liking his creations, and it provided a great way to relieve stress when he was practicing medicine.

Although the tree is no longer on the hospital grounds, in a few weeks, a replacement tree will be planted, Nolan said. It will be an autumn blaze maple, which has leaves that turn bright orange in the fall. It grows three to four feet a year and will be expected to grow to 40 or 50 feet in its maturity, Nolan said.

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Coulombe said during that hearing that upon receiving the Civil Service test results list he saw his son's name on it, and immediately called Ware's town counsel about how to proceed ethically. A panel of three fire chiefs from the eastern end of the state

formed a committee and recommended two candidates from about 10 applicants who said they would work in Ware. His son had the second highest score of the applicants and so was recommended as one of the new hires.

During that hearing Jack Collins, Thomas Coulombe's lawyer, called the paper from Civil

Service with Brian Coulombe's information showed an incorrect date of birth and was a "just a piece of paper." He said there was no evidence that Brian Coulombe filled out that piece of paper and the mistake in age could have been a clerical error by Civil Service.

Adeline Ford awarded \$1,000 scholarship

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Students with a \$1,000 scholarship to be used for the expenses associated with the costs of attending college.

"This year's winners are well-rounded individuals, achieving academic excellence while participating in sports, clubs and other extra-curricular activities.

As active participants in their communities, they are guided by a strong moral compass that demonstrates their commitment to leading with integrity," said Nancy B. Cahalen, president and CEO of Better Business Bureau of Central New England.

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applications from students across Massachusetts and northeastern Connecticut, and our judges always enjoy learning about each student. We wish all of our participants the best of luck on the next steps of their academic journey."

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West Brookfield, Warren hold voter registration sessions

WEST BROOKFIELD/WARREN — West Brookfield Town Clerk Sarah J. Allen and Warren Town Clerk Nancy J. Lowell are holding two voter registration session for the upcoming Annual Town Elections and Annual Town Meetings.

The Annual Town Election, to be held Tuesday, June 16, in both towns, and the voter registration will be held on Friday, June 5. Registration hours will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 8 p.m.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on June 23.

Theatre Guild to hold auditions

HAMPDEN — With restrictions on gatherings and physical distancing measures still in place to limit the spread of the novel coronavirus, the Theatre Guild of Hampden will conduct digital auditions for its fall production of the musical "Hello Dolly."

Those interested in a part in the show are asked to send a singing clip to Director Mark Giza at mgiza@charter.net by June 9.

The show is tentatively scheduled to open Friday, Nov. 6 at the Red Barn at Fountain Park, 883 Tinkham Road in Wilbraham, and features musical direction by Tom Slowik and choreography by Dina DelBuono.

For more information, call Giza at 543-4203 or 413-204-5333.

90 Meat would like to recognize the Class of 2020 for all its accomplishments and resilience. Throughout the next few weeks we will be honoring local graduates who have worked so hard to reach their goals. This week the 90 Meat Family would like to recognize two of its own for all they have done to get to this point. Paola Nicole Vega Torres Graduating from Roger L. Putnam Voc. Tech. & Fabian Morales Chicopee High School

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Medicare Part B coverage (for doctors and other outpatient services) is paid for from two sources — one source is the monthly premiums which are paid by every Part B beneficiary. The other source is the government's General Treasury, which picks up the difference between what is collected in Part B premiums and what is needed to pay healthcare expenses. Similarly, it's expected that the government will shore up Medicare Part A as needed when the time comes as it has in the past. So, while Medicare is clearly under a lot of financial stress from the ever-increasing cost of healthcare, it's highly doubtful that the program is in any danger going away. More probably, Congress will look to cut the program's expense structure, which would affect medical service providers more than individuals.

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Daisy, of Second Chance Animal Services, on her way to Project Good Dog, who already has a prospective owner waiting in the wings.

RV industry booming

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

REGION — Make no mistake about it, the RV industry is booming. As the travel industry struggles, residents looking to vacation are investing in an alternate mode of transportation, and dealers are cashing in.

"We have everything in place. We don't have to invent anything," said Bob Zagami, executive director of the New England RV Dealers Association. "People want to have a great time with their families, they want to be outdoors in the fresh air, they want to go hiking, biking, fishing or just sit around the campfire and talk to the kids. We have the industry that will allow them to do that."

Nine million RVs are already on the road in the United States and 400,000 new RVs are sold each year, said Zagami. From \$6,000 pop-up campers to million-dollar motor homes, the industry has much to offer.

"Take any aspect of it that you want, the whole industry is showing positive increases and accessibility across markets that we'd never thought of before," said Zagami.

COVID-19 has been tough on many, but the rising demand for motor homes has kept Zagami's industry functioning well. He shared insight on why RVs have become one of this spring's hottest commodities.

"Airlines are going to take years to come back. Cruise ships? I don't know what they can do short of giving out free

passes to get somebody back on a ship," said Zagami. "As we make more people aware of our products and services, and as the people who already practice RVing talk to their friends and relatives about it, it's general consensus that RVs are the only chance that we've got for people to recreate and try to forget the past two months and the impact that it's had on their lives."

One recent weekend, a member of the association was able to sell 27 units in one weekend, Zagami said. He added that "anything you can have in your house today; you can have in an RV."

From trunk trailers to fifth-wheelers and park models, mobile homes come in all shapes and sizes. For people planning a vacation or just looking to temporarily leave their surroundings, mobile homes can be a resource of great value.

"People want to go on vacation; they want to spend time with their family. We're just saying, 'Hey, we have a better way to do it.' Quite honestly, the industry is working on a campaign just for that. The message is going to get out there that says, 'Hey, if you're going to do anything this year, you're probably going to do it in an RV,'" said Zagami.

The New England RV Dealers Association represents RV dealers in all six New England states and is based out of Hudson.

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Second Chance helping homeless pets to mind their manners

Project Good Dog continues at Worcester County Sheriff's office

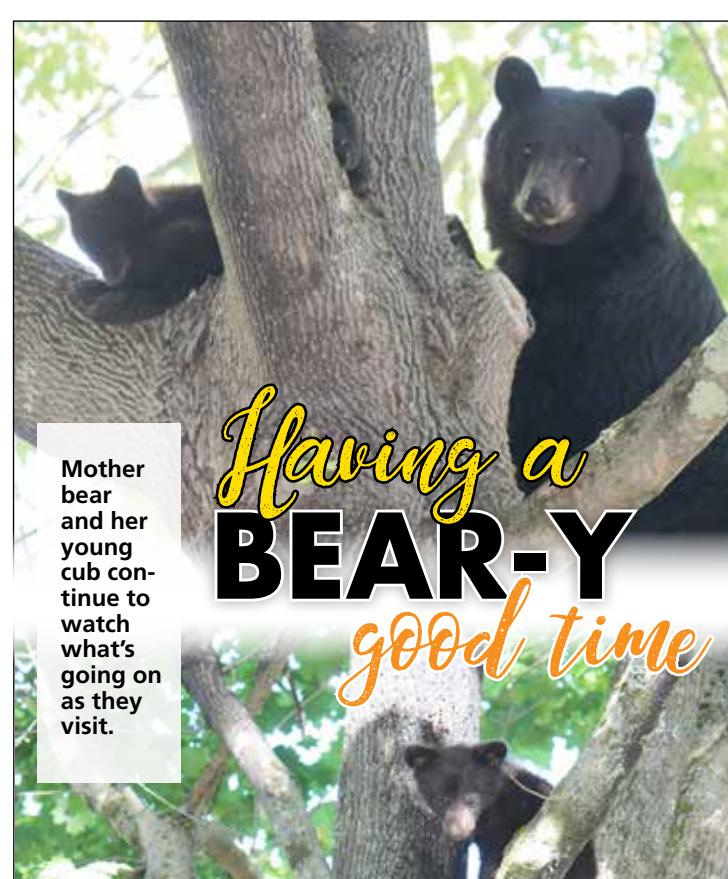
EAST BROOKFIELD — While Massachusetts students continue distance learning, canine students are heading back to the 'classroom' through Second Chance Animal Services' Project Good Dog. Daisy had a very good 'first day of school.' Less than 24 hours after she arrived at the Worcester County Sheriff's Office to begin behavioral training, the 7-month-old German shepherd/collie mix has already met her future owner. As often happens with Project Good Dog participants, a staff member has already let program officials know they would like to adopt the young pup as soon as she graduates.

Daisy joins Bane, a 2-year-old male rottweiler who entered the program for training two weeks ago. A sheriff's

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Momma bear and her young cubs hang out in the Dunbars' backyard.



Mother bear and her young cub continue to watch what's going on as they visit.



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A large female black bear visited an Anna Street home last Saturday with her three cubs.



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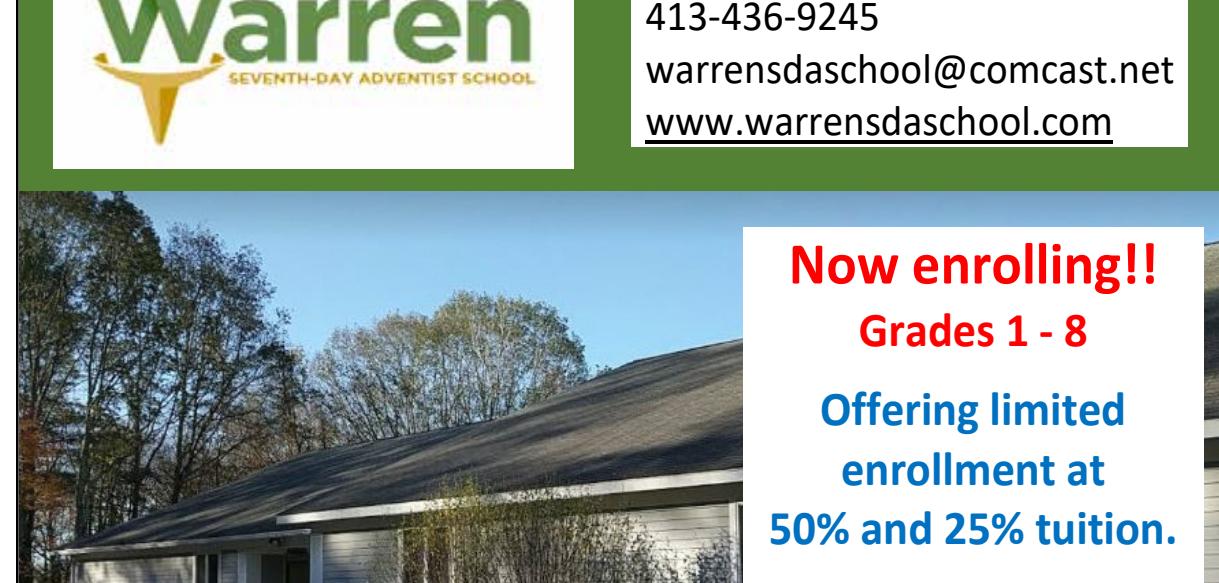
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Adult baseball still hopeful for some type of 2020 season

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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EASTHAMPTON — Baseball leagues have dwindled a bit, limiting choices for collegiate stars, adult standouts from the Tri-County League, and high school players and post-graduates who lost out on American Legion seasons.

While there are no known alternative options for the younger players, there is an emerging look for adult players 25 and above.

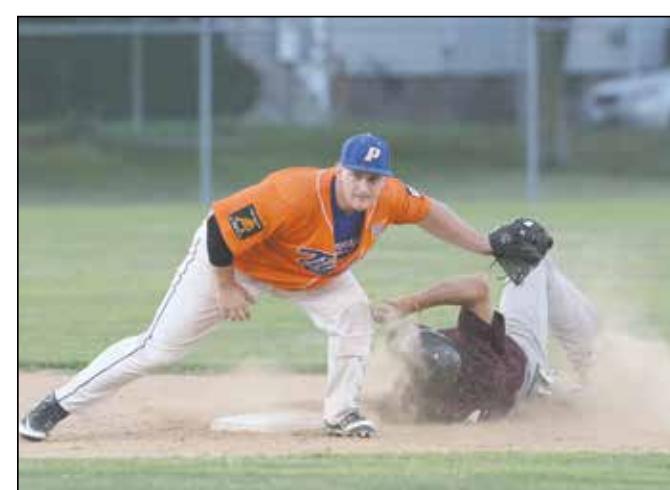
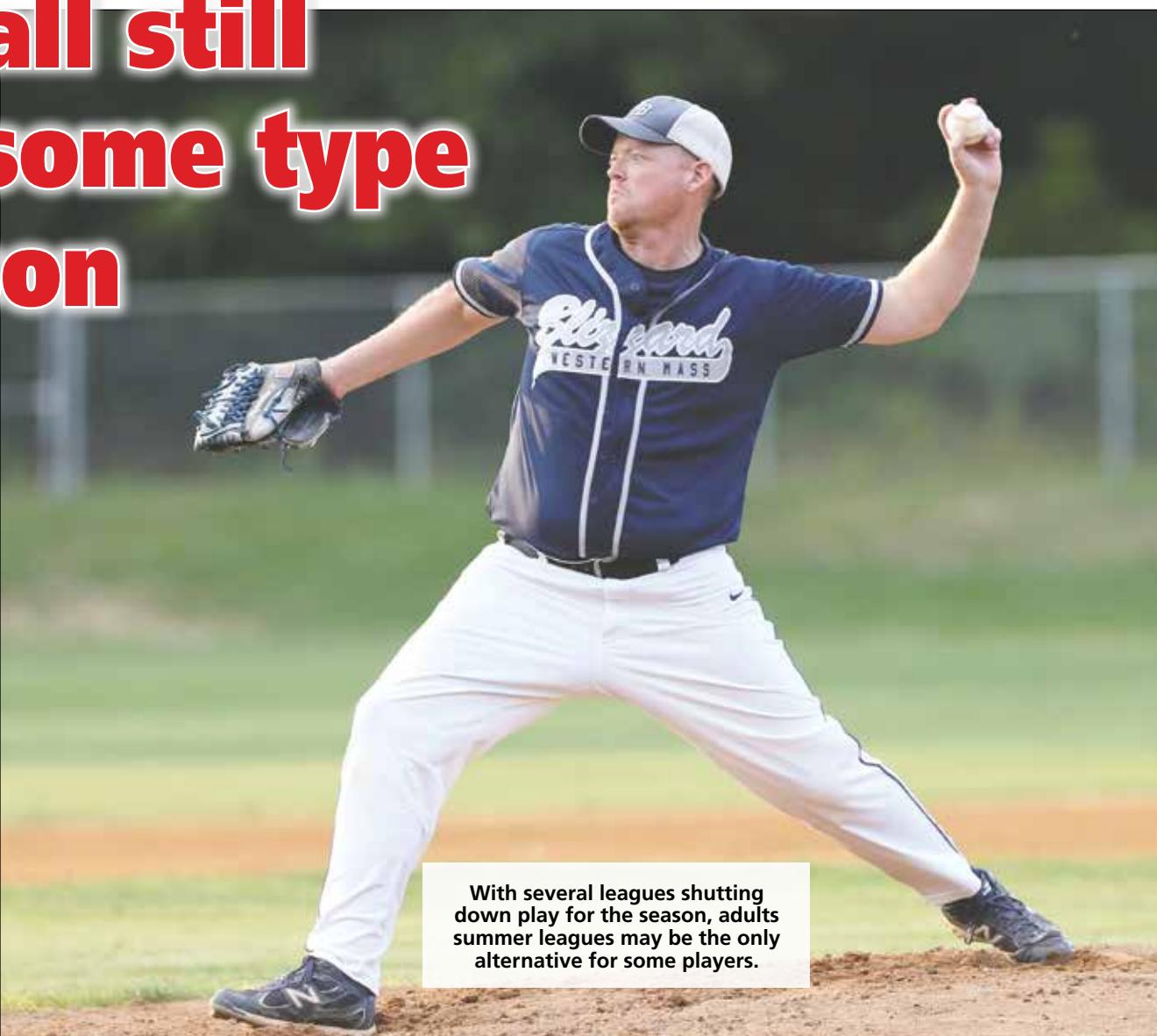
At least four leagues have not called it quits on a 2020 season, all with the flexibility to hold their seasons later and even play into the fall.

However, even with governor's re-open plan, it is not fully clear when teams in the leagues will be able to begin play, though many are hopeful it will be sometime this month.

Phase 2, known as "Cautious," is supposed to allow teams to begin practicing. Phase 2 is supposed to start on Monday, June 8. However, each phase has had sub-phases with different activities and businesses opening up each week since the re-open plan began on Monday, May 18.

Also, different communities will take different approaches to opening recreational facilities, making the availability of fields also limited.

Please see **ADULT LEAGUE**, page 10



Parameters and guidelines for baseball to resume at the local level have not been released by the state government.



Under the governor's re-open plan, baseball may be able to return in late June or early July.



Four adult leagues in Western Mass. are still hoping to play baseball in 2020.

2020 Bay State Summer Games events cancelled through July

REGION — All Bay State Games events originally scheduled for May 30 through July 26 will be cancelled in consideration for the health and well-being of all athletes, officials, coaches, medical staff, and volunteers. The challenges and uncertainty that COVID-19 has presented prevent the organization from appropriately planning, organizing, and producing events in 30 different sports this year.

This summer, Bay State Games was set to celebrate its 39th annual Summer Games. Due to multiple venue cancellations, the inability to conduct team sport tryouts in June, decisions by sport governing bodies to suspend competitions, medical committee concerns, as well as other factors, the Summer Games will not be able to proceed as scheduled.

"We are committed to the health and well-being of our constituents. It is of the utmost importance to keep everyone safe during these unprecedented times," says Executive Director, Kevin Cummings. "While this was a very difficult decision, we believe it is appropriate given the unprecedented impact this pandemic has had on everyone, as well as our ability to produce events this year."

Bay State Games remains hopeful that some events may proceed in the fall if and when it is safe to do so. Sport pages on the Bay State Games website will be updated with information as it becomes available. All athletes who have registered for the 2020 Summer Games will be refunded for their registration fee. If the sport you wish to compete in can be held in the fall of 2020, it will require a new registration. For more information, please visit www.baystategames.org. Please direct all questions and inquiries to info@baystategames.org.

PVSSL awaiting guidance, will delay start of season

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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LUDLOW — After three months of waiting, the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League could be one of the first leagues to have actual games starting early next month.

Diana Kolodziey, runs the PVSSL along with her husband Chris, said earlier this week they are planning to hold a regular season and playoffs, with a slightly modified schedule.

"Based on the governor's re-opening plan," she said. "We are hoping to start the season sometime in early July."

That start will not be without questions, issues, and a lot of guidance from the state level.

Under Gov. Charlie Baker's re-open plan, the four main phases are: Start, Cautious, Vigilant, and the New Normal.

The New Normal, until a vaccine is discovered, will still involve restrictions for people, and could have a whole new meaning for sports. But according to the Baker plan, the second phase would allow for practices to begin at various fields throughout the

region.

Games should be able to begin in the third phase, Vigilant. However, the guidance and regulations for businesses and activities have yet to be made public by the Baker administration.

Kolodziey they are waiting for that guidance from the governor's office so it can inform teams of how they must conduct themselves.

Restrictions could include social distancing when not directly involved in the game, possible temperature checks, wearing masks when not in the field of play, and disallowing fans from games.

Modifications of these rules could also be possible. In the case of soccer, fans could possibly be allowed if they are on the opposite end of the field and fans are properly distanced from one another, like in the case of people going to the beach, which are now open.

The other major issue the PVSSL will have to watch closely is each town and how the individual communities and cities lift restrictions on field use, allowing games, and gatherings of various sizes.

Currently, certain professional sports are only allowing players to practice in smaller groups.

Finally, Kolodziey said the early July start to the season is dependent on there being no setbacks in the governor's re-opening plan where restrictions would have to be re-enacted. As of press time, Massachusetts has not had any setbacks on the re-open plan and numbers have continued to trend in a positive direction.

Under the current timeline, Phase 3 should start on June 29.

With the currently timeline, if the league does play, it would and transition right into the fall pre-season practices. However, it also remains to be seen if those will start on time and what they will look like.

For up-to-date information on the state of the PVSSL, go to www.pvsummersoccerleague.com.

The PVSSL has two divisions each of high school boys soccer, and high school girls soccer. There are also mens and womens adult leagues. All are expected to play if there are no further delays or restrictions that will prevent the season from happening.

Pair of seniors would have led Quabbin golf

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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BARRE — Girls golf is not a big sport in Massachusetts, but Quabbin Regional High School entered a team into the ranks during the springtime.

Coach Richard Lindsten said he had two talented players that were set to have their senior season in the sport.

Sophie Kiley was set to be a fourth year member of the team while Olivia Fay would have been in her second year.

Lindsten recognized both players as high academic performers.

Last year, the Panthers started the rebuilding process, with only three returning players after graduating several players and having some not return.

Kiley was one of the returners.

The team also started utilizing a new home course at Quail Hollow in Oakham. The team had previously golfed at Dunroamin Country Club of Hardwick, but the course closed down.

While Kiley returned, Fay joined the team along with a few other newcomers.

After just eight matches, Quabbin only had one win, but the players continued to make progress and ended the season with a lot of great



Submitted photo
 Quabbin golfers (l-r) Hannah Dowd, Olivia Fay, Sydney Smith, Kylie Vessair and Sophie Kiley are all thumbs up at the Bay Path Tournament held last year. Kiley and Fay would have been senior members of the team this year.

improvements.

Kiley participated in the district competition to represent the Panthers, goal she would have had for this coming season.

Kiley and Fay were also part of a team that participated in the first-ever Central Massachusetts Girls Golf Tournament. It was held at Bay Path and five members of the team participated, Lindsten said.

As the team learned it would not be playing this spring due to the closure of school and the lack of spring sports being allowed, Lindsten said

players were still being recruited for this season due to graduated members of last year's team.

"We would have had six to eight, probably," said Lindsten. "A pretty young group. You need six for a match."

Lindsten said it was unfortunate that the season was canceled, especially because golf courses were opened in mid-May.

"It was frustrating not to have a season for everyone," said Lindsten. "Especially with golf that is now allowed."

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public safety

Ware Police Log

Sunday, May 24

8:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation East Street – Written Warning
9 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Upper Church Street – Written Warning
10:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Upper Church Street – Written Warning
10:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Upper Church Street – Written Warning
12:33 p.m. Erratic Operator Complaint Shoreline Drive – Area Searched Negative Find
1:19 p.m. Ambulance Request Old Belchertown Road – Referred to Other Agency
3:46 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Belchertown Road – Area Search Negative Find
7:38 p.m. Harassment Complaint Walker Road – Advised Civil Action
8:15 p.m. Erratic Operator Complaint East Street – Unfounded Complaint
8:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Vernon Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
Arrest: Arthur Stebbins, 50, Ware
OUI-Liquor or .08%; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Indecent Exposure; Marked Lanes Violation; Disorderly Conduct
9:15 p.m. Drug, Narcotics Violation Laurel Drive – Services Rendered
10:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Walker Road – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
Arrest: Arthur Stebbins, 50, Gilbertville
License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With, Subsequent Offense; Use Motor Vehicle Without Authority

Monday, May 25

8:28 a.m. Ambulance Request School Street – Services Rendered
8:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Main Street – Written Warning
8:58 a.m. Alarm Burglar South Street – Services Rendered
2:06 p.m. Ambulance Request Palmer Road – Referred to Other Agency
2:22 p.m. Harassment Complaint North Street – Services Rendered
3:14 p.m. Harassment Complaint Hillside Village – Services Rendered
3:59 p.m. Fire, Report Webb Court – Referred to Other Agency
5:11 p.m. Erratic Operator Complaint Palmer Road – Area Searched Negative Find
5:24 p.m. Ambulance Request Pulaski Street – Referred to Other Agency
8:32 p.m. Accident, Vehicle East Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
Arrest: Garald E. Quinn, 63, Ware
OUI-Liquor or .08%; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle
9:50 p.m. Harassment Complaint Aspen Street – Services Rendered
10:40 p.m. Erratic Operator Complaint Palmer Road – Area Searched Negative Find

Tuesday, May 26

6:34 a.m. Accident, Vehicle West Street – Services Rendered
8:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation East Street – Written Warning
7:51 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Belchertown Road – Motor

9 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation East Street – Written Warning

9:01 a.m. Disturbance Beaver Lake Road – Advised Contact Police if Repeated
9:37 a.m. Ambulance Request Valley View – Services Rendered
6:53 a.m. Ambulance Request Elm Street – Services Rendered
7:51 p.m. Ambulance Request Walnut Street – Services Rendered
8:08 a.m. Officer Wanted Elm Street – Investigated, Report Filed
9:31 p.m. Erratic Operator Complaint Castle Street – Verbal Warning Issued
9:33 p.m. Ambulance Request Chestnut Street – Services Rendered

Wednesday, May 27

6:11 a.m. Alarm Burglar South Street – Services Rendered
6:59 a.m. Ambulance Request North Street – Services Rendered
8:01 a.m. Alarm Burglar South Street – Services Rendered
10:03 a.m. Alarm Burglar South Street – Services Rendered
10:50 a.m. Ambulance Request West Street – Services Rendered
11:16 a.m. Arrest West Street – Arrest, Felony Charge
12:52 p.m. Fraud Cottage Street – Services Rendered
12:56 p.m. Larceny, Theft Report Babcock Tavern Road – Referred to Other Agency
1:43 p.m. Threat Report Cottage Street – Services Rendered
1:53 p.m. Fraud North Street – Services Rendered
2:08 p.m. Ambulance Request West Street – Services Rendered
3:56 p.m. Erratic Operator Complaint Eagle Street – Services Rendered
4:06 p.m. Ambulance Request River Road – Referred to Other Agency
4:18 p.m. Disturbance Otis Avenue – Services Rendered
8:25 p.m. Drug/Narcotic Violation Otis Avenue – Referred to Other Agency
11:22 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Beach Road – Unfounded Complaint

Thursday, May 28

1:20 a.m. Ambulance Request Valley View – Referred to Other Agency
3:23 a.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person West Street – Unfounded Complaint
5:28 a.m. Ambulance Request School Street – Referred to Other Agency
8:11 a.m. Ambulance Request Crescent Street – Referred to Other Agency
9:11 a.m. Ambulance Request Eagle Street – Services Rendered
9:59 a.m. Ambulance Request Oak Ridge Circle – Referred to Other Agency
10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation East Street – Written Warning
10:38 a.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Pulaski Street – Area Searched Negative Find
11:45 a.m. Disturbance Hillside Village – Services Rendered
1:24 p.m. Silent, 911 Call South Street – Services Rendered
2:04 p.m. Disturbance Otis Avenue – Services Rendered
3:50 p.m. Ambulance Request Second Avenue – Referred to Other Agency
4:15 p.m. Trash Dumping Complaint West Street – Services Rendered
7:51 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Belchertown Road – Motor

Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000

10:06 p.m. Ambulance Request Old Gilbertville Road – Referred to Other Agency
10:12 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person North Street – No Police Service Necessary
11:26 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person West Main Street – Services Rendered

Friday, May 29

2:07 a.m. Ambulance Request North Street – Referred to Other Agency
6:24 a.m. Arrest Otis Avenue – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
6:52 a.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person West Street – Services Rendered
12:10 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person West Main Street – Services Rendered
12:54 p.m. Silent, 911 Call Pleasant Street – Area Searched Negative Find
12:54 p.m. Ambulance Request Valley View – Services Rendered
1:32 p.m. Vandalism Palmer Road – Investigation Pending
1:55 p.m. Erratic Operator Complaint Main Street – Services Rendered
1:56 p.m. Trespassing Complaint Palmer Road – Services Rendered
3:28 p.m. Ambulance Request Crescent Street – Services Rendered
7:17 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Otis Avenue – Services Rendered
8:14 p.m. Larceny, Theft Report Lois Street – Investigation Pending
8:28 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Monson Turnpike Road – Area Searched Negative Find
10:29 p.m. Disturbance Aspen Street – Services Rendered

Saturday, May 30

6:21 a.m. Erratic Operator Complaint Church Street – Verbal Warning Issued
10:40 a.m. Accident, Vehicle Pulaski Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
1:39 p.m. Trespassing Complaint Lois Street – Services Rendered

1:41 p.m. Recreational Vehicle Complaint Pulaski Street – Services Rendered
6:33 p.m. Ambulance Request Valley View – Referred to Other Agency
6:51 p.m. Drug/Narcotics Violation Belchertown Road – Unfounded Complaint
7:50 p.m. Sudden Death Report Otis Avenue – Investigation Pending

Sunday, May 31

12:27 a.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Park Street – Services Rendered
12:39 a.m. General Information Maple Avenue – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
Arrest: Thomas J. Swindell, 34, Turners Falls
OUI-Liquor or .08%; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Alcohol in Motor Vehicle, Possess Open Container of
1:55 a.m. Ambulance Request Otis Avenue – Referred to Other Agency
2:26 a.m. Trespassing Complaint Pleasant Street – Area Searched Negative Find
2:44 a.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Mountain View Drive – Services Rendered

Warren Police Log

Sunday, May 24

12:33 p.m. Larceny Main Street – Investigated
4 p.m. Gunshots Keys Road – Unfounded
9:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Criminal Complaint
11:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Suspicious Main Street – Officer Spoke to Party

Friday, May 29

6:08 a.m. Traffic Enforcement Main Street – Transported by Life Flight
1:29 p.m. Suspicious Activity Main Street – Investigated
3:29 p.m. Disturbance – Person(s) School Street – Unfounded
7:59 p.m. Disturbance – Person(s) Bacon Street – Peace Restored
9:56 p.m. Suspicious Activity South Street – Unfounded

Tuesday, May 26

11:54 a.m. Larceny Reynolds Road – Report Filed
2:09 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Elm Street – Canceled
3:01 p.m. 911 Hang-up/ Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Old West Brookfield Road – Services Rendered
6:55 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Old West Warren Road – Ambulance Signed Refusal

3:59 p.m. Suspicious Activity Cottage Street – Investigated
4:34 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Liberty Street – Transported to Hospital
7:54 p.m. Harassment

Richardson Street – Officer Advised

Thursday, May 28

10:06 a.m. Motor Vehicle Erratic Grove Street – Negative Contact
10:16 a.m. Illegal Dumping Main Street – Report Filed
12:25 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Winthrop Terrace – No Fire Service Necessary

Monday, May 25

6:08 a.m. Traffic Enforcement Main Street – Transported by Life Flight
1:29 p.m. Property Damage Main Street – Investigated
4:55 p.m. Assist Other Police Department Gilbert Road – Report Filed

Friday, May 29

7:47 a.m. 911 Transfer MassPike East Bound – Call Transferred
8:36 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Town Farm Road – Transported to Hospital

9:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Written Warning
10:02 p.m. Illegal Dumping Main Street – Investigated
2:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle No FD/EMS Response Milton O. Fountain Way – Report Filed
4:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
11:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Maple Street – Arrest(s) Made

Saturday, May 30

1:11 a.m. Fire, Brush Maple Street – Investigated

8:47 a.m. Parking Violation Main Street – Investigated

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9:40 a.m. Parking Violation New Reed Street – Officer Spoke to Party

12:36 p.m. 911 Hang-up/ Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Village Point Plaza – Information Taken

3:27 p.m. 911 Transfer MassPike – Call Transferred
3:28 p.m. 911 Hang-up/ Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Warren Cell Tower – Confirmed Misdial

4:07 p.m. Trespassing Forest Avenue – Officer Spoke to Party
4:18 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Forest Avenue – Transported to Hospital
6 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Arrest(s) Made

Arrest: Rita M. Guertin, 33, Sturbridge
Drug, Possess Class A

11:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road Extension – Services Rendered

Summons: Adam R. Valiquette, 32, North Brookfield
Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle

Hardwick Police Log

Monday, May 18

12:29 p.m. Phone – Motor Vehicle Accident North Street – Transferred Call to C7
5:39 p.m. 911 – Fire Alarm Prospect Street – Services Rendered
6:02 p.m. Phone – Disturbance Barre Road – Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, May 19

9:18 p.m. Phone – Suspicious Activity Upper Church Street – Negative Contact

Wednesday, May 20

8:05 a.m. 911 – Elevator Call/ Alarms Old Petersham Road – Dispatch Handled
8:58 a.m. Initiated – Suspicious Activity Off Prospect Street – Checked/Secured
5:34 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Broad Street – Transported to Hospital

Thursday, May 21

1:57 a.m. 911 – Suspicious Activity Ruggles Hill Road – Services Rendered

5:41 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Chagnon Road – Services Rendered

1:34 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Hardwick Road – Citation Issued

2:55 p.m. Phone – Complaint Main Street – Spoken To

8:52 p.m. 911 – Complaint Bridge Court – Served in Hand

10:49 p.m. Cellular – Complaint Pine Street – Negative Contact

Friday, May 22

5:28 p.m. Phone – Complaint Old Greenwich Plains Road – Officer Handled

6:28 p.m. Phone – Harassment North Road – Officer Handled

9:30 p.m. Initiated – Missing Person Barre Road – Services Rendered

11:44 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued

1:54 p.m. Phone – Alarm Church Street – Services Rendered

Saturday, May 23

7:31 a.m. Phone – Fire Alarm Barre Road – Services Rendered

12:28 p.m. Initiated – Assist

Monday, May 25

4:08 a.m. Phone – Fire Alarm Schoolhouse Drive – Services Rendered

3:52 p.m. 911 – Hang-up Call Sessions Road – Spoken To

4:27 p.m. 911 – Hang-up Call Sessions Road – Spoken To

6:25 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency North Road – Transported to Hospital

6:25 p.m. 911 – Hang-up Call North Road – Merge

8:02 p.m. Phone – Fire, Other Hardwick Road – Services Rendered

New Braintree Police Log

Tuesday, May 19

2:51 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard West Brookfield Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency

Hazard West Brookfield Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency

Thursday, May 21

4:49 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Old Turnpike Road – Citation Issued

Wednesday, May 20

11:20 a.m. Phone – Safety

11:36 a.m. Phone – Alarm Burglar Worcester Road – Checked/Secured

6:28 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Old Turnpike Road – Citation Issued

Friday, May 22

11:36 a.m. Phone – Alarm Burglar Worcester Road – Checked/Secured

6:28 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Old Turnpike Road – Citation Issued

Monday, May 25

4:08 a.m. Phone – Fire Alarm Schoolhouse Drive – Services Rendered

Hazard West Brookfield Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency

Thursday, May 21

4:49 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Old Turnpike Road – Citation Issued

Wednesday, May 20

11:20 a.m. Phone – Safety

Friday, May 22

11:36 a.m. Phone – Alarm Burglar Worcester Road – Checked/Secured

6:28 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Old Turnpike Road – Citation Issued

Monday, May 25

4:08 a.m. Phone – Fire Alarm Schoolhouse Drive – Services Rendered

obituaries

Dorothy I. Bish

WARE – Dorothy I. (Jasnocha) Bish, 86, of Ware peacefully passed away on Wednesday, May 27, 2020, at home surrounded by her loving family. Born in Enfield, a town disincorporated to make way for the Quabbin Reservoir, and the daughter of the late Joseph Carl and Sophie (Szydla) Jasnocha. Dottie moved to Amherst at a young age and attended school there until her family moved to Ware. She graduated from Ware High School in 1953 and enjoyed playing basketball, golf and cheerleading throughout her time there.

Dottie leaves behind those she cherished dearly, her husband of 64 years, William J. Bish, Jr.; her daughters, Susan Norman, of Princeton, New Jersey, and Nancy Fontes and her husband, William, of South Hadley. She was predeceased by her only son, Jeffrey Bish. She leaves behind her eight beloved grandchildren and their spouses, Tiffany Alrefae, and husband, Hasan Alrefae, Joseph Norman, and wife, Jessica Norman, Stephen Norman, Katherine Fontes, William Fontes, Damien Bish, Sierrah Bish and Derrick Bish as well as her precious great grandchildren, Layla, Yasmine and Zidane. She also leaves behind her sister, Barbara



Surprenant, a niece, two nephews and many loving cousins.

After staying at home for many years to raise her family, Dottie returned to work in the Ware Public School District for 25 years. She retired in 1999. She will be remembered for her kindness, patience, and love of learning by countless students and coworkers that she helped during her time at the various schools and events.

A very caring and loving person, Dottie's generosity and energy was seemingly endless. She was an accomplished baker who was known for her amazing treats and desserts; including her famous chocolate chip cookies, coffee cakes and pies. Dottie's treats made their way around the world because her family loved them so much. Dottie will also be remembered for her amazing blueberries that were grown at her home and were enjoyed by her family and friends.

Dottie's life was built on her love for her family. Over the years, she enjoyed hosting many family gatherings. In her later years, the center of her life was watching her grandchildren grow up. She enjoyed watching them participate in sports, hosting "Camp Grandma" during school breaks, teaching them to cook, bake, knit, garden and sharing stories about

her beloved Quabbin where she was born. Dottie spent extensive time visiting the Quabbin with her family and friends, including the site of the Jasnocha family homestead.

Dottie loved all sports, but especially the Boston Red Sox, Bruins and New England Patriots. Either a game or the Hallmark Channel was always on in the living room where she would watch with family and friends. Also, an avid reader, Dottie fostered a love of reading in her family members through trips to the library and stacks of books close at hand.

She was deeply devoted to her faith, a longtime communicant of All Saints Parish, in Ware, a member of the St. Mary's Women's Guild and a patron of the Friends of the Quabbin.

A memorial Mass for Dottie will be held at a future date.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, donations would be greatly appreciated towards either The Friends of Quabbin, Inc., 485 Ware Road, Belchertown, MA 01007 or Dana-Farber Cancer Institute/Jimmy Fund via website in memory of Dorothy I. Bish, or at <https://www.jimmyfund.org/ways-to-give/>.

Charbonneau Funeral Home, at 30 Pleasant St., in Ware, is assisting her family with the arrangements.

An online guest book is available at charbonneaufh.com.

Philip E. Bland

WEST BROOKFIELD – Philip E. Bland, 79, of West Brookfield, died on Sunday, May 3, 2020, at his home.

He leaves his daughter, Nicole Bland, a granddaughter, Renee O'Brien, of Pelham, and his brother, Richard Bland, of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Philip is predeceased by his loving wife of 47 years, Helena G. (Nelson) Bland. He was born in McAlester, son of the late Carmel and Aurelia (Astor) Bland.



Philip was a founder of the Valley View School and worked there for 40 years, before retiring in 2006.

He was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather.

A graveside service in Pine Grove Cemetery will be held private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to S.O.N.G., Inc. (Supporting

Orphans Nationally and Globally, Inc.) c/o North Brookfield Savings Bank, 9 Gilbert St., North Brookfield, MA, 01535 or by visiting <https://www.supportingorphans.org/>.

Varnum Funeral Home Inc., 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield is assisting his family with arrangements.

Jennie A. Krasnecky

WARE – Jennie A. (Nowakowski) Krasnecky, 87, of Ware, died on Sunday, May 24, 2020, at her home with her loving family with her.



Anthony J. "Tony" Krasnecky, in 2017, as well as her two brothers, John S. Nowakowski Jr. and Stanley J. Nowakowski. She was born Westfield, daughter of the late John and Anna Mary (Cioch) Nowakowski, and lived in Ware for nearly all of her long life.

In addition to taking care of her home, Jennie worked in housekeeping at the former Monson Developmental Center for several years.

Jennie loved cooking and traveling with Tony. She was a collector of many different types of treasures – with all of them being heartfelt.

Her greatest loves though were her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchild.

Jennie was a long-time member of St. Mary's Parish in Ware.

Services will be held privately, and burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148 or online at <http://www.stjude.org/>

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware is assisting her family with arrangements.

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Bald eagle numbers soar in 2020

It's nesting season for bald eagles, and the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife is pleased to announce it has already documented over 70 active eagle nests throughout Massachusetts this spring. MassWildlife has seen a dramatic uptick in newly documented eagle nests this year and has confirmed nine new nests in Fitchburg, Wenham, Concord, Rutland, Wareham, Medford, Northampton, Hudson and Barnstable. The new Barnstable nest marks the first nest with eggs on Cape Cod in 115 years; the last was in Sandwich in 1905.

As the eagle population continues to grow, new challenges emerge as pairs try to establish new territories. For instance, this

spring marked the first documented case of eagles nesting on Martha's Vineyard. An eagle pair took over an osprey nest and were incubating eggs when the ospreys returned from their wintering grounds. The osprey pair that most likely built the nest harassed the incubating eagle who would flip upside down with its talons in the air in defense. Eventually the eagle cracked the eggs doing this, and this historic nesting attempt failed. Two other eagle nests on the mainland have also failed as a result of an intruding eagle invading the territory and killing the chicks in the nest. Although difficult for observers to witness, these events are all signs of a thriving eagle population in Massachusetts. On the upside, more and more

people across the commonwealth are experiencing the thrill of seeing eagles in their own neighborhoods as these birds continue to expand their range to urban and suburban landscapes. Due to successful conservation measures, the status of the bald eagle recently improved from threatened to special concern on the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act list.

In related news, New Hampshire confirmed a new state record for its oldest bald eagle, a bird that hatched in Massachusetts. This eagle, identified by a gold leg band coded "W84", was photographed this spring in New Hampshire. Banding records indicate this 23-year-old male hatched at the Quabbin Reservoir in Ware

in 1997, and it had been recorded nesting in New Hampshire between 2007 and 2014. The previous New Hampshire record-holder was a 19-year-old bird that had also hatched in Massachusetts. It is safe to say that the eagle reintroduction program that MassWildlife conducted in the 1980s has not only reaped benefits in Massachusetts, but throughout New England.

Those who are interested in supporting the conservation of bald eagles and other rare species in Massachusetts by reporting sightings and donating to MassWildlife's Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program at <https://edit.mass.gov/service-details/support-endangered-species-conservation>.

COVID-19 and still want to help can consider donating blood.

A single whole blood donation at Baystate Medical Center can save up to two lives. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented challenges to the U.S. blood supply. Donor centers have experienced a dramatic reduction in donations due to the implementation of social distancing and the cancellation of blood drives. Blood is needed every day to provide lifesaving treatments to patients with a variety of medical and surgical conditions.

Those donating whole blood must be in good health, be at least 17 years of age, and weigh

at least 110 pounds.

Per the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, whole blood donors should refrain from blood donations for 14 days if they have had any symptoms of COVID-19 or have had a positive diagnostic test (nasal swab test) for COVID-19.

For more information, contact the Baystate Health Blood Donor Center at 413-794-4600 with questions or to make an appointment, or visit the Blood Donor Program on the Baystate Health website at <https://www.baystatehealth.org/services/blood-donor>.

Mark S. Majka

WARE – Mark S. Majka, 66, of Ware, went back home to be with his mom, Christine (Mayers) Majka, his dad, John Majka, his beloved brothers, Brian and Johnny, and his friends from Bridge Street – Davie, Peter, Stevie, Theresa, and all of the folks from the gang who have already gone home.

He leaves his long-time better half, Lynne Keough, her sons, Bob and Mike, his grandbaby, Aliyah and her friend Jacob, his brothers, Eric and Frank, his sisters, Lee and Lynn, his close friend, Harold, and his old friend, Darleen.

Mark was very proud to have served in the National Guard as a staff sergeant.

A favorite pastime of Mark's was treasure hunting in the woodlands, walking and exploring the Ware River, and telling stories of his time spent in the National Guard, his youth, family, and friends – all alive in his words and heart.

Mark's family would like to extend a special thank you to all of his friends at the Monson Developmental Center, where his worked for 33 and 1/2 years, retiring just this past year.

Services for Mark will be held privately. Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30



Death notices

Bish, Dorothy I. (Jasnocha)
Died May 27, 2020
Memorial Mass at a future date
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Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$100, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph.

Death Notices & Paid Obituaries should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

Brian D. Riggie

WARE – Brian D. Riggie, 50, of Ware, died on Wednesday, May 27, at his home after being suddenly stricken ill.

He was born in Ware and was a life-long resident of the town. After graduating from Ware High School and working as an on-call fire fighter for many years in Ware, Brian worked as a terminal operator at Construction Services in Wilbraham for 20 years. His whole working career was spent working with concrete.

Brian was a member of the Local Union #98 and was a member of the Chicopee and Nenamessick Sportsmen's Clubs. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and archery, as well as working outside around his home. Brian loved cooking for friends and family, especially using a smoker he built. Brian was a jack of all trades, there wasn't much that he couldn't construct or fix...aside from building stairs.

He leaves his wife of 25 years, Cynthia (O'Brien) Riggie; his children, Joey Riggie and

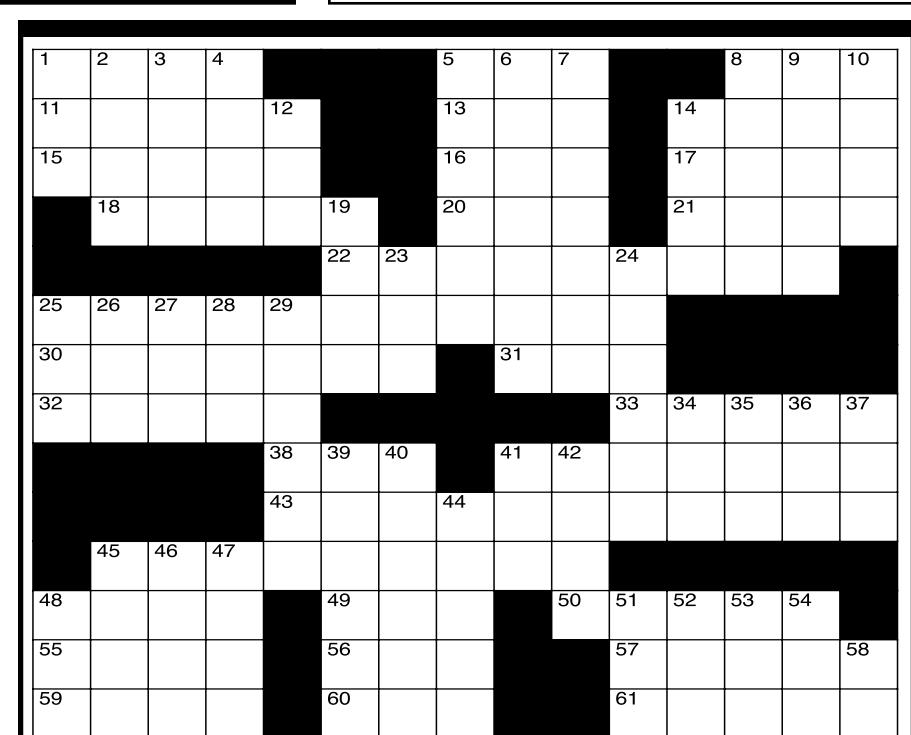
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- 16. Initial public offering
- 17. Long-winding ridge
- 18. Guinea peoples
- 20. Fellow
- 21. About aviation
- 22. Able to make amends
- 25. Easy to perceive
- 30. Cut off
- 31. Northeast Thai language
- 32. Earthy pigment
- 33. Water nymphs
- 38. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 41. Those who deal
- 43. Apply a new fabric
- 45. Confusions
- 48. To ___ his own
- 49. Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks
- 50. Heavy cavalry sword
- 55. Partner to pain
- 56. A type of savings account
- 57. In a way, felt pain
- 59. Wide-beamed sailing dinghy
- 60. Consume
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Baker issues executive order in advance of Phase II

Executive Order updates reopening phases with details on additional sectors

BOSTON— Gov. Charlie Baker issued an Executive Order that provides a detailed list of businesses and activities that fall into Phases II, III and IV of the Commonwealth's Re-Opening Plan. The order also permits all Phase II enterprises, including retail, to begin preparations to safely resume operation in advance of the start of the second phase.

In addition to the retail sector, the executive order details further requirements for the safe resumption of amateur youth and adult sports and outdoor dining.

Effective immediately, the executive order permits Phase II businesses to reopen their physical workplaces to workers only to conduct necessary preparations prior to the start of Phase II.

Preparations include but are not limited to completing a COVID-19 Control Plan, implementing sector-specific protocols, and complying with Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards.

Retailers: Retail stores will transition from curbside pickup and delivery-only to browsing and in-store transactions with restrictions at the start of Phase II.

Social distancing guidance requires each retail store to monitor customer entries and exits and limit occupancy at all times to either eight persons (including store staff) per 1,000 square feet of accessible, indoor space, or 40% of the retail store's maximum permitted occupancy, whichever is greater.

Grocery stores and retail stores with pharmacy services must provide at least one hour of dedicated

time for adults 60 years of age and older, while all stores are encouraged to offer exclusive hours or other accommodations for high-risk populations. For staffing, stores should adjust workplace hours and shifts, including leveraging staggered arrival/departure, to minimize contact across workers and to allow for on-going and off-hour sanitation and cleaning. Stores should also conduct frequent disinfecting of heavy transit areas and high-touch surfaces.

Operators of enclosed shopping malls and other indoor, multi-tenant retail spaces must monitor customer and worker entries and exits to common areas and limit occupancy of common areas at all times to 40% of maximum permitted occupancy levels. Mall amenities like seating in food courts, children's play areas, and arcades must remain closed, while mall food vendors and restaurants may only provide take-out or delivery service.

Once Phase II begins, these standards will apply to all retail businesses except for farmers' markets, which shall continue to be governed by Department of Public Health guidance. These standards will supersede and replace existing DPH guidance governing grocery stores and pharmacies.

Retailers that have been defined as providing essential services pursuant to COVID-19 Order No. 13 will be required to comply with these sector-specific safety protocols within one week of the date that Retailers are authorized to open pursuant to the governor's Phase II Reopening Order.

Sports: The order also allows organizers of amateur sports programs for youths and adults to open their premises to staff only to make preparations in advance of the start of Phase II. In addition,

to requiring generally applicable COVID-19 workplace standards, the Order specifies that during Phase II organized sports programs will operate under the following provisions:

Limiting traditional contact sports to no-contact drills and practices;

Prohibiting games, scrimmages, and tournaments;

Separating participants into groups of 10 or less;

Restricting the use of indoor athletic facilities to supervised sports programs and sport camps for youths under the age of 18.

Further sector-specific guidance for youth and adult amateur sports programs will be issued in the coming days. Subject to the implementation of COVID-19 health and safety rules adopted by respective leagues, this Order permits professional sports organizations to reopen their premises to employees and other workers for practices and training; however, professional sports organizations are not allowed to engage in interteam games and sporting facilities will remain closed to the public.

Restaurants: Lastly, the order permits restaurants to provide outdoor dining service with restrictions upon the start of Phase II; providing continued positive progression of public health data, indoor dining may be authorized by a subsequent order during Phase II. In order to provide improved opportunities for outdoor table service, the order also provides flexibility to a local licensing authority to grant approval for a change for any type of license that permits the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption. In both outdoor and indoor dining cases, restaurants will be required to comply with sector-specific COVID-19 workplace safety rules for restaurants.

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